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Applicant

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FAULT ISOLATION INDIVIDUAL SWITCH MODULES USING ROBUST ARCHITECTURE

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Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 9 to read as follows:

9. (Amended) The architecture of claim 6, further comprising a y x 1 switch or selector, each of whose inputs are connected to a spare port in each of the final stage switch modules.

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